

1940.GREAT TORRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

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Annual Report.

Population.	3000.
Births	31.
Birth rate per 1000.	10. 3.
National Birth Rate	14. 6.
Deaths.	46.
Death Rate per 1000	15. 3.
National Death Rate	14. 3.

Comparing the number of Births with 15 yrs ago when there were 70, the above figures shew a decline of over 50%.

Infectious Diseases.

- 1 Scarlet Fever.
- 1 Diphtheria.

Tuberculosis.

3 fresh cases of Tuberculosis were notified:-

- 1 Pulmonary
- 2 Non-pulmonary.

These two were boy evacuees from Kent,
 18 cases remained on the County T.B. Officers list at the end
 of 1940 compared with 55 in 1929.

Principal Causes of Death.

Tuberculosis	1.
Influenza	2.
Cancer.	3.
Apoplexy.	2.
Heart disease.	24.
Bronchitis.	3.
Pneumonia.	1.
Digestive Disease.	1.
Bright's Disease.	1.
Premature Birth.	1.
Road Accident.	1.
Other violent causes.	1.
All other causes.	5.

Inspections.

Bakehouses,
 Schools &
 Factories

have all been found clean and in good order,
 and in the case of factories, everything is done for the
 comfort and well-being of the employees.

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